



Response

Application No. 10/820,697

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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented): A sticking roller for sticking a label to an adherend, comprising a shaft-shaped roller body, and an elastic member which is fitted on the outer circumference of said roller body and contacts with a non-adhesive face of said label,

said roller body having a fitting part for fitting the elastic member on the outer circumferential surface,

said elastic member having a circumferential surface shape which is substantially identical to the shape of said label, being fitted in said fitting part, wherein the top surface of said elastic member is arranged above the outer circumferential surface of said roller body.

2. (Currently Amended): A sticking roller according to claim 1,

said adherend being an information recording board which has a nearly doughnut shape in a plan view,

said elastic member being formed into a nearly doughnut shape having a center aperture where [[on]] the circumferential surface of said roller body is visible through the aperture, said elastic member corresponding to the plan shape of said information recording board,

said fitting part having stepped portions along an inner circumferential edge and an outer circumferential edge of said elastic member, wherein said stepped portions regulate a deformation or shift of said elastic member in its surface direction when a sticking force is applied to the label on the surface of said elastic member.

3. (New): A sticking roller for sticking a label to an adherend, comprising a shaft-shaped roller body, and an elastic member which is fitted on the outer circumference of said roller body and contacts with a non-adhesive face of said label,

said roller body having a fitting part for fitting the elastic member on the outer circumferential surface,

said elastic member having an expanded plan shape corresponding to that of said label, being fitted in said fitting part, wherein the top surface of said elastic member is arranged above the outer circumferential surface of said roller body.